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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH GLIGA ON CEAUSESCU

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1. AMBASSADOR SHOULD NOT RPT NOT PRESS GLIGA FOR GOR DRAFTS OF JOINT DECLARATION AND JOINT COMMUNIQUE THAT ROMANIANS WISH TO SEE ISSUED DURING CEAUSESCU VISIT. AS YOU KNOW, ONLY AN UNSIGNED JOINT STATEMENT WAS ISSUED DURING THE TITO VISIT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO DO MORE WITH CEAUSESCU, AND EVEN AN UNSIGNED JOINT STATEMENT RAISES SOME QUESTIONS. SUCH A US-ROMANIAN DOCUMENT WOULD PROBABLY NOT REFLECT THE BREADTH OF ACCORD AND DEGREE OF CORDIALITY OF THE US-YUGOSLAV STATEMENT AND MIGHT THEREFORE SUFFER IN COMPARISON. FOR THE TIME BEING, THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD GIVE GLIGA NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT WE WOULD AGREE TO ISSUING BOTH DOCUMENTS NOR SHOULD YOU COMMIT US TO ISSUING JOINT STATEMENT. FURTHER, SINCE WE WOULD PREFER TO WORK FROM US DRAFT AND THEREFORE WISH TO SUBMIT OUR VERSION CONFIDENTIAL.

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FIRST, YOU SHOULD NOT URGE GOR TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THEIR DRAFT. COPY OF US-YUGOSLAV STATEMENT BEING POUCHED.

2. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSING CEAUSESCU PROGRAM IN CONTEXT

OF OUR PROPOSED ITINERARIES, YOU SHOULD TRY TO DRAW GLIGA OUT ON ISSUES CEAUSESCU INTENDS TO RAISE IN HIS MEETINGS

WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.

3. COUNSELOR NIMETZ WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH GLIGA AT 10 A.M. FRIDAY, MARCH 17.

4. AMBASSADOR NICOLAE HAS JUST SCHEDULED A MEETING THURS-DAY AFTERNOON WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL DOBELLE TO DISCUSS CEAUSESCU ITINERARIES. VANCE

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